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TYPHOID ISSUE

EPIDEMIOLOGIC NOTES

Influenza — No major outbreaks of influenza documented by virus isolation have been reported in the continental United States as yet this season. However, scattered clusters of febrile respiratory illness have recently been reported from Oregon. Acute and convalescent sera from 5 clinically suspect cases of influenza have shown significant antibody rises to A2 influenza. Virus isolation attempts are in progress.

A2 virus has recently been isolated from a case of characteristic clinical influenza representing part of a relatively widespread outbreak in Puerto Rico. This outbreak began in mid-August and extended through October. (See MMWR, Vol. 13, No. 40). Serological evidence of infection was demonstrated among a number of typical cases from various parts of Puerto Rico.

An outbreak of respiratory disease in Hawaii has been reported with school absenteeism up to 25 percent in some areas. There is serological evidence of Type B influenza infection in 3 cases from whom acute and convalescent serum specimens were obtained. The Hawaii State Department of Health Laboratory is continuing efforts to isolate the etiologic agent.

Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES
(Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous weeks)

	44th We	eek Ended		Cumu l	ative, First 44	Weeks
Disease	October 31, 1964	November 2, 1963	Median 1959 - 1963	1964	1963	Median 1959 - 1963
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Measles	1,179	1,449	1,611	440,165	365,382	394,853
Meningococcal infections	55	41	41	2,293	2,029	1,875
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Tularemia	3	10		284	257	
Typhoid fever	5	13	23	362	464	705
Rabies in Animals	90	83	57	3,854	3,241	3,178

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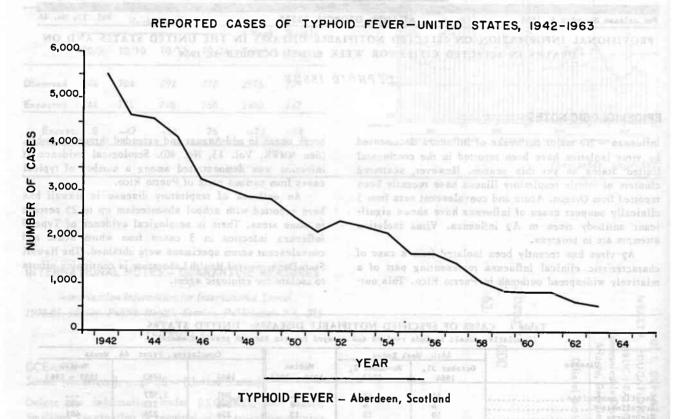
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TYPHOID FEVER

ported in the United States in 1964. There were 464 cases during the corresponding period in 1963.

The accompanying graph shows the yearly incidence of reported cases of typhoid fever in the United States

To date, 362 cases of typhoid fever have been re- during the years 1942-1963. A continuous decline in incidence is demonstrated. In 1942, 5,595 cases were reported whereas in 1963, 566 cases are recorded. Outbreaks of typhoid in Atlanta, Georgia and Aberdeen, Scotland are described in this issue.



Dr. J. H. F. Brotherston, Chief, Medical Officer, Scottish Home and Health Department, has provided an account of the typhoid epidemic which occurred in Aberdeen in the spring of this year. The following is abstracted from his report.

The first small group of 4 cases of typhoid fever in Aberdeen was notified to the Medical Officer of Health in the morning of May 20, 1964. The chart of dates of onset shows a peak about May 15 with no evidence of secondary infections. It is consistent with continuation of the primary source of infection for some days.

The last date on which infection probably occurred was Saturday, May 23. The total number of patients admitted to hospital exceeded 500 of whom approximately 450 were from Aberdeen. Various other patients took ill in adjoining county areas and a few even further afield. All patients were connected directly with the original source of the outbreak.

Although the first patients appeared quite ill, many of the later patients showed little or no clinical illness. The final number of accepted cases is therefore still under review. It is expected to be about 400. One accepted case resulted in death in relapse. Another accepted case was fatal but probably not directly from typhoid infection.

The patients who could give adequate histories all gave a history of the consumption of canned or prepared meat from one shop. This shop is mainly a supermarket selling packaged foods. It has a separate vegetable counter and separate cold meat counter. The cold meat counter had one mechanical slicer and the usual knives and equipment.

The staff of the shop were themselves selectively affected and showed a much higher incidence of typhoid fever than the customers or the general population. Some of the staff had shown symptoms on or about May 17 and at least one stayed on duty up to May 23 although suffering from symptoms consistent with mild typhoid fever. These workers produced negative tests when investigated on May 21.

The organism responsible for the outbreak was uniformly of type 34. This type was practically unknown in Great Britain previously.

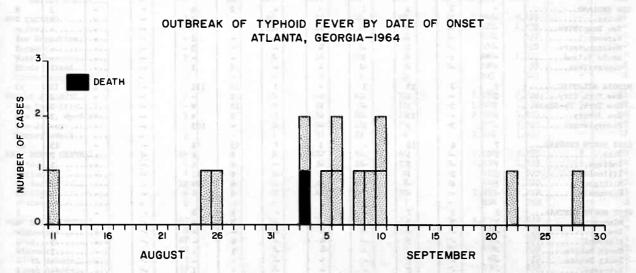
Most of the patients had eaten corned beef but a small number had eaten other canned meats sold at the supermarket counter. Corned beef provided the largest

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TYPHOID FEVER - Georgia

Fifteen cases of typhoid fever occurring over a 34-day period were reported from the Atlanta, Georgia area. On August 30, 1964, the apparent index case, a 6-year-old boy, was admitted to Grady Memorial Hospital because of fever, abdominal pain, and vomiting. Over the next 2 weeks, 14 additional children, ranging in age from 2 to 14 years, were admitted to the hospital with a febrile

illness and a variety of constitutional and gastrointestinal symptoms compatible with typhoid fever (See table). Salmonella typhi phage type E-1 was isolated from each of the cases. The epidemic curve, based on day of onset of symptoms (See graph), indicates a span of 34 days between the index case and the last symptomatic case.



Epidemiologic investigation revealed that all of the cases were from 3 homes both geographically and socially close to one another. Almost all of the children played with one another frequently; however, there had been no tecent joint gatherings, picnics, or parties. The water and milk supplies were not contaminated when tested. All of the adults in these 3 households submitted stool specimens. The only stool positive for S. typhi was from a 49-year-old woman involved in child care and meal preparation in one of the households. This woman had no previous history of typhoid fever but she had experienced malaise, headache, and myalgia without fever or gastrointestinal symptoms in early August. Local health authorities believe she was either a missed case of typhoid or

a carrier. The exact mode of spread in this epidemic is not clear, but all of the children played at one time or another in a flooded culvert nearby where they might urinate or defecate at times.

The majority of the children responded to therapy with chloramphenicol; one case apparently responded to the addition of steroid therapy. The only death was case #4 (see table) a 4-year-old girl who developed renal failure.

(Reported by Dr. John McCroan, Director of Disease and Disability Studies, Georgia Department of Public Health, Dr. Malcom Neel, Director of Medical Services, Fulton County Health Department, and a team from CDC).

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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES

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Michigan.	54	1	71	92	222	182	l - [1	7		2	-	52
Wisconsin	57	8 1	31	33	99	77	1.3	i	-	3	1	85
JEST NORTH CENTRAL	72	1	134	123	228	122	1	17	1	55	15	1,172
Minnesota	1	E - 1	29	24	10	5	1	4		2	10	368
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Nebraska	6	11 20	6	25		1		1			Personal Property	35
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SOUTH ATLANTIC	90	11	462	373	648	679	1	58	3	28	10	530
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AST SOUTH CENTRAL	10	1	58	144 31	1,322	1,063		31 8	1 - 1 6	30 2	16	502
Kentucky Tennessee	40		56	66	984	997		12		20	15	371
Alabama	6	3	43	24	97	10		6	1 - 1	3	100000	17
Mississippi	32	9	24	23	98	32	7	5		5	1 1 1 1 1	57
EST SOUTH CENTRAL	116	6	215	183	571	614	1 1	27	1	98	15	540
Arkansas	15	3	27	12	1 01	2	J - 45	8		58	1	131
Louisiana	2 1	1	126 12	74 31	13	5 24	- 5	4	1	6 20	3 2	53 89
Oklahoma Texas	98	2	50	66	554	583	1 3	14	J E	14	9	267
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New Mexico	6	ī	8	11	66	98	1	1	100	1 15	5	61
Utah	12	1 14	7	18	122	158		î	1 19	20	-	2
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ACIFIC	128	12	534	422	780	958	1-8	26		3	14	285
Washington			40	38		252		3		10.10		Carolin Co
Oregon	18		21	32	14	17	1	1	-	1		10
California.	76	11	453 7	328 12	690 13	534	- 3	21		2	14	27.
Hawaii	31	1	13	12	63	95		1			10811111	12.574

Table 4 (D). TOTAL DEATHS AMONG PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER IN REPORTING CITIES

(Tables 4(A), 4(B), 4(C), and 4(D) will be published in sequence covering a four-week period.)

Area	75 7.4	For week	ending		Area	For weeks ending				
	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31	Tublic is in a faire fair parism	10/10	10/10 10/17		10/3	
NEW ENGLAND:			1	- G104	COLUMN ATT ANTICA	100	0.25 hay	5412V/E	Llen.	
Boston, Mass.	157	129	152	141	SOUTH ATLANTIC: Atlanta, Ga	40	50	62	cov.	
Bridgeport, Conn	23	23	22	14	Baltimore, Md	115	58 107	63	4	
Cambridge, Mass	19	13	19	23	Charlotte, N.C.	13	18	140	13	
Fall River, Mass	21	13	16	13	Jacksonville, Fla	24	22	17 34	2	
Hartford, Conn	31	35	32	33	Miami, Fla.	31	50	45		
Lowell, Mass	10	22	13	16	Norfolk, Va	25	32	21	3	
Lynn, Mass	10	8	20	17	Richmond, Va.	43	40		- 1	
New Bedford, Mass	14	22	19	20		10	7	22		
New Haven, Conn	22	27	24	32	Savannah, Ga	57	39	37	14-31	
Providence, R.I.	38	33	40	46	St. Petersburg, Fla	33	36	32		
Somerville, Mass	5	14	17	11	Tampa, Fla Washington, D.C	74	86	77	8	
Springfield, Mass	23	26	38	24	Wilmington, Del	26	18	22	1 - 000	
Waterbury, Conn	14	17	22	13	wrimingcon, ber		10			
Worcester, Mass	39	43	34	46	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:					
State of the state		12 35	400	2000	Birmingham, Ala	46	43	4.2	21 L	
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:		and the same				19		43		
Albany, N.Y.	13	34	24	27	Chattanooga, Tenn	15	22	31		
Allentown, Pa.	24	33	30	25	Knoxville, Tenn	43	25	18	NERSY	
Buffalo, N.Y	71	85	91	78	Louisville, Ky		40	84		
Camden, N.J.	20	30	36	25	Memphis, Tenn.	50	52	62	Gied'	
Elizabeth, N.J	24	22	13	17	Mobile, Ala	16	23	16		
Erie, Pa	20	25	26	23	Montgomery, Ala	14	10	12		
Jersey City, N.J	34	34	47	36	Nashville, Tenn	50	46	53	H 413	
Newark, N.J	47	49	53	34	tmom course many		I-d ato	a no le li		
New York City, N.Y	979	1,010	959	988	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				COMPANY.	
Paterson, N.J.	25	14	20	21*	Austin, Tex	12	30	27	1 1211	
	271	271	341	274	Baton Rouge, La.	17	28	18		
Philadelphia, Pa	101	131	112	112	Corpus Christi, Tex	11	4	8		
Pittsburgh, Pa	37	27	25	41	Dallas, Tex	53	58	86	3751	
Reading, Pa.	73	64	68	64	El Paso, Tex	9	12	12	11/1 -1	
Rochester, N.Y.	20	16	14	18	Fort Worth, Tex	40	28	44		
Schenectady, N.Y.,	22	25	27	34	Houston, Tex	103	84	85		
Scranton, Pa	37	34	52	26	Little Rock, Ark	31	23	32	3	
Syracuse, N.Y	20	23	23		New Orleans, La	83	93	88	8	
Trenton, N.J	27			17	Oklahoma City, Okla	42	51	41	3	
Utica, N.Y	18	25 18	30	21	San Antonio, Tex.	45	51	65	5	
Yonkers, N.Y	10	10	27	20	Shreveport, La	20	28	24	1	
ACT NOTES CONTRACT					Tulsa, Okla	11	27	43	4	
AST NORTH CENTRAL:		544								
Akron, Ohio	48	39	24	28	MOUNTAIN:		35 30	Lidiza 50		
Canton, Ohio	15	23	31	25	Albuquerque, N. Mex	18	14	13	1	
Chicago, Ill	381	401	408	399	Colorado Springs, Colo	9	6	12	W11552	
Cincinnati, Ohio	98	87	102	97	Denver, Colo	69	77	66	ni and	
Cleveland, Ohio	97	127	119	114	Ogden, Utah	6	8	7		
Columbus, Ohio	62	60	66	58	Phoenix, Ariz	45	39	60	2	
Dayton, Ohio	45	50	34	52	Pueblo, Colo	9	8	7	1	
Detroit, Mich	200	163	198	181	Salt Lake City, Utah	24	24	20	3	
Evansville, Ind	24	28	28	24	Tucson, Ariz	21	15	32	2	
Flint, Mich	27	12	20	24	Commence of the State of the St		200	1.02.27	200	
Fort Wayne, Ind	16	23	29	27	PACIFIC:		The second second	A SANGER	11.7	
Gary, Ind	14	22	11	12	Berkeley, Calif	12	8	11	Q 26:1	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	36	28	27	27	Fresno, Calif	35	19	22	3	
Indianapolis, Ind	81	97	86	85	Glendale, Calif	28	19	29		
Madison, Wis	16	29	40	23	Honolulu, Hawaii	9	13	17	d es	
Milwaukee, Wis	76	82	76	78	Long Beach, Calif	42	31	52		
Peoria, Ill	13	18	13	12	Los Angeles, Calif	263	300	280	28	
Rockford, Ill	11	13	18	18	Oakland, Calif	23	89	48	-	
South Bend, Ind	14	22	16	29	Pasadena, Calif	25	20	29	Parent Line	
Toledo, Ohio	52	72	60	67	Portland, Oreg	65	57	70	111	
Youngstown, Ohio	27	33	30	25	Sacramento, Calif	38	40	36		
5 - 10			4		San Diego, Calif	62	58	48	2	
EST NORTH CENTRAL:					San Francisco, Calif	103	81	105		
Des Moines, Iowa	35	21	42	37	San Jose, Calif	19	24	1	10	
Duluth, Minn.	17	14	24	25	Seattle, Wash	87	82	21	of to	
Kansas City, Kans	22	25	20	27	Spokane, Wash	34		71	9	
Kansas City, Mo	96	102	70	69			37	22	I Turne	
Lincoln, Nebr	11		21	30	Tacoma, Wash	32	23	27		
		13			The Assistance of the Control of the		4 43	444		
Minneapolis, Minn	68	86	82	70	Market A. Lest Account of the	Comme.	00 01	1175 3/5		
Omaha, Nebr	35 128	144	48	40*		THE PARTY	ALCOHOL:	CAR SHIP	A -Ve	
St. Louis, Mo	128 34	144 59	155	119 43	Current Week Mortality fo			7.77		
			44	41	Commont Hook Montolden fo					

*Estimate - based on average percent of divisional total. Totals for previous weeks include reported corrections.

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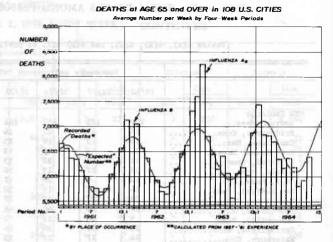
⁴⁽D) Total Deaths, Persons 65 years and over.... 6,385

NOTE: All deaths by place of occurrence.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS AMONG PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER IN 108 U.S. CITIES

The weekly average number of deaths among persons 65 years and over in 108 cities for the four-week period ending October 31 was 6,398 as compared with an expected weekly average of 6,491.

		Week	4-Week	Weekly			
1	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31	Total	Average	
Observed	6,113	6,448	6,648	6,385	25,594	6,398	
Expected	6,395	6,458	6,523	6,589	25,965	6,491	
Excess	-282	-10	125	-204	-371	-93	



(See table page 395)

TYPHOID FEVER - Aberdeen, Scotland (Continued from page 390)

item of trade at this counter and on a busy day the contents of 4 or more 6-lb. cans would be used. These were opened, displayed and sliced according to the customer's need. They were generally cut into 2 pieces, one-half being displayed in the window while the other half was cut on demand. In this way, it was possible to postulate that contamination of the contents of a can could be conveyed by equipment, or by handling, to other foods on the same counter.

A review of some recent outbreaks in Great Britain showed that similar though much smaller occurrences could possibly be traced to canned meat and that the mechanism of contamination could be the negative pressure induced during the cooling process and the possible entry of pathogens if present in the cooling water.*

Concurrent information revealed that cooling water might be specifically contaminated by typhoid organisms. It was therefore decided as a matter of British Government policy to instruct the withdrawal from trade of the products of certain factories between certain dates. This was done throughout Great Britain.

Although the advice was issued that unnecessary journeys into and out of Aberdeen City should be avoided during the time when the epidemic was at its worst, this advice was withdrawn as the epidemic wave collapsed in the third week of June. There has been no reason to issue any further warning and as mentioned earlier in this rereport secondary cases had been conspicuous by their absence.

The British Government appointed a committee to investigate the origin of this outbreak. The report of the committee has not yet been presented.

*Lancet, June 13, 1964, Editorial: Epidemics of Typhoid Fever.

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